



Notes

Nursing Facilities Advisory Council

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

225 East 16th Avenue, 1st Floor Conference Room

Denver, CO 80203

ATTENDEES	AGENCY
Ann Kokish	CHCA
Arlene Mills	CHCA
Diane Gomez	Kindred
Donna Zwierzynski	Vivage
Greg Traxler	Omni Health Care Association
Janet Snipes	Holly Heights
Jay Moskowitz	Vivage
Jennifer Reinheimer	Myers & Stauffer
John Brammeier	Vivage
Jose Torres	ADAPT
Josh Fant	CHCA
Josh Winkler	ADAPT
Julie Farrar	DD Council
Lois Munson	Sr. Counseling Group
Lonnie Hilzer	Continuum Health Mgmt
Mary Koretke	Vivage
Sarah Schumann	Brookside Inn
PHONE	Phone Option Unavailable for this meeting
STATE STAFF	
Weston Lander	HCPF, Safety Net Program Section
Anthony Satariano	LTSS Division
Casey Dills O'Donnell	LTSS Division
Jason Marquez	LTSS Division
Kathy Snow	LTSS Policy Specialist
Jason Takaki	LTSS Facilities Unit Supervisor
Cathy Fielder	LTSS Auditor
John Barry	HCPF, LTSS Stakeholder Relations

I. Welcome, Announcements, Introductions:

John Barry welcomed the attendees. Due to technical problems, the phone option was unavailable for this meeting. Meeting attendees introduced themselves indicating the organization they represent.

II. Review of minutes

John Barry asked the group for corrections to May's minutes. One misspelling was identified for correction.

III. Pay for Performance (P4P): Anthony Satariano

- The 2012 Appeal results will be sent out the week of June 17th from PCG.
- One item to note about the application process: when a facility runs the survey, it must be run in the calendar year of the application in order to qualify for P4P.
- On June 18th the workgroup meeting was held. The group has the 2014 application draft version ready for PCG review. In July, the application should be ready for loading to the website. One change on the application: the scores and/or dollar amount applicable to an application section will appear as reference.
- The next workgroup meeting will be held on July 16th. Check with Anthony on the start time.
- Questions contact Anthony Satariano at phone (303) 866-3895 or email Anthony.Satariano@state.co.us.

IV. Provider Fee Update: Weston Lander

- For FY2013-2014, The Rates area is collecting the fee rates from Myers & Stauffer and should have all the rates by July 1st. There a few minor data elements missing but they should have those soon too.
- A new SPA has been written for a rate cut of 1.5% which might delay the loading of the FY2013-2014 rates.
- Contact Matt Haynes to verify when the next Provider Fee Advisory Board meeting will be held.
- Questions contact Matt Haynes at phone (303)866-8305 or email Matt.Haynes@state.co.us.

V. Discussion with HCPF Internal Auditor: Cathy Fielder

- A few responses were received regarding the auditors request for input and feedback around the Personal Needs audit process. The deadline was lifted so please submit thoughts anytime via email to Cathy.Fielder@state.co.us.
- In the May meeting, the question was asked: If there is a variance between the COLA Mass Report and the individual 5615 for a resident, which one rules? Response given at the June meeting:
 - When a COLA Mass Adjustment Report and a 5615 form reference a different patient payment amount for a resident, the following is used to determine

which patient payment is correct: 1) the effective date of the patient payment authorized listed on the form and 2) the form with the newest date and signed by the county technician. The most current form will supersede the other form.

- If a nursing facility/resident disagrees with a patient payment calculation, they need to provide documentation to the county technician to have it reviewed for possible adjustment. If anyone (county, NF, resident) is aware of a change/error, it is their responsibility to report it no matter if it results in an increase or decrease. If the adjustment occurs, a corrected form would supersede the previous form.
- A question was raised about the COLA mass adjustment spreadsheets that were used earlier this year to adjust patient payments for the new COLA. It was mentioned that various formats have been received by the nursing facilities from various counties. Cathy suggested having a copy of what the nursing facilities received emailed (encrypted) to her for researching the situation further. Cathy.Fielder@state.co.us

VI. PASRR Level I Web-based Submission: Casey Dills O'Donnell

- For the PASRR Level I process, a Beta test has been developed by Nora Brahe and Casey Dills O'Donnell. They have selected various associations to test the new system/process. Beta testers will be training with Masspro and the testing will take 2-4 weeks. Then a Provider Pilot test group will be selected. About 100 volunteers are needed from across the state. This testing would take about 2-4 weeks also.
- Please watch the Department website and provider bulletin for the announcement requesting Provider Pilot test volunteers.
- If you have additional questions on this topic, please contact Casey Dills O'Donnell at phone (303) 866-2148 or email Casey.Dills@state.co.us

VII. Wildfire Evacuation Update: Jane Garramone / Kathy Snow

- Jane Garramone from CDPHE was unable to join us via phone. She will join us in July to discuss CDPHE's process surrounding the evacuation. She did send an email stating that three facilities were evacuated and all residents have now returned. It was a 3-day evacuation. She said facility staff were prepared and things ran smoother than last year.
- Kathy Snow provided a few comments
 - She has been in contact with CMS and we are working with them to determine the protocol surrounding these situations. The rules for Medicare and Medicaid residents differ when these events occur. The biggest issues include 1) what per diem rate should be paid to the receiving facility and 2) who gets to count the census days. CMS takes an emergency transfer approach which means no admit/discharge is performed. Leaving the PAR at the evacuated facility. Their approach also affects the MDS process.
 - For this year's fire an 1135 waiver was not submitted. The President did not declare an emergency per the Stafford Act and the Secretary of Human Services did not declare an emergency.
- A discussion was started comparing last year's Waldo fire (3 week evacuation) to the Canyon City fire (3 day evacuation). The discussion lasted about 15-20 minutes and it was decided to schedule a phone conference on July 5th. Kathy Snow has documented

the issues raised during this discussion and will address them on July 5th. If you have further issues, please email them to Kathy.Snow@state.co.us before the phone conference.

- During the discussion the following points were made:
 - Facilities from the Waldo fire are still working on their Med-12 cost report from that period to see what costs were incurred during the evacuation to see what needs to be paid out. It's been more than a year.
 - During situations like these, can the non-medical/programmatic leave days be used to cover the expenses of the evacuated facility.
 - When is the 1135 Waiver submitted to CMS in order to waive the rules when these types of events occur?
 - A Disaster Preparedness Committee is needed in HCPF that includes community representatives, government employees, DPHE and emergency personal (EMS, etc.). This committee would help coordinate services and develop the plan needed for these situations.

VIII. NFAC Priorities (hand out): Kathy Snow

- At the March 2013 NFAC meeting, Jason Takaki and Kathy Snow discussed priorities for the Department as far as nursing facilities and asked the group to identify top priorities for the NFAC group to focus on. From that meeting, 3x5 index cards were passed out requesting any additional thoughts about what the top priorities should be. Thoughts were also emailed to Kathy.Snow@state.co.us. Kathy presented the list of thoughts to the group and requested further thoughts to be submitted. This first list is just a starting point for determining the focus of the NFAC group.
- Please send additional thoughts to Kathy before the next meeting and an updated list will be provided.
- Discussion was raised on the first bullet point: the moratorium on new Medicaid beds. One attendee said that more stakeholders would likely voice their thoughts as further discussion was made on this topic. Another attendee mentioned there were 3 criteria that if any of them were met, it would allow more beds to be granted and that's how the Loveland greenhouse got approved.
- Public comment: As discussion on the transition process (CCT) takes place, the DD Council should be included.

IX. Public Comments:

- Janet Snipes commented that the payment issue (UTLC-100) mentioned during the last meeting had been resolved. She thanked Kathy Snow and the Department for this.
- Donna Zwierzynski asked whether the Community Living Care Coordination Subcommittee was still meeting. John Barry confirmed that it is. Donna also inquired about a fact sheet with contact information for the LITCO and SEP transition.
- Julie Farrar commented that there are lots of changes happening right now around the Medicare/Medicaid Dual Eligible clients and that any discussions surrounding these changes should include all the right people. Please remember to include the appropriate stakeholders in these discussions.

X. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 3:15 pm – 4:45 pm.

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